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*The mission of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division is to
manage, protect, conserve, and enhance the wildlife and aquatic resources
of Alabama for the sustainable benefit of the people of Alabama.*

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In the face of horrendous natural disasters, the men and women of our state natural resources agencies are frequently the first responders. Their specialized equipment and training enable them to respond to locations and situations beyond the reach of others.

In addition, field expediency — making do with what one has at hand — is a way of life for natural resources professionals. This mindset allows our employees to persevere in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Television footage of recent hurricane aftermaths repeatedly included the familiar logos of fish and wildlife agencies. These logos, displayed proudly on uniforms, vehicles and boats, symbolized the commitment and dedication of our people as they went about heroic rescues, order maintenance, disaster relief, and recovery of victims.

Yet many of our people were also victims of the storms. These employees and their families suffered losses like everyone else. Some lost homes and all their belongings.

The affected states have established foundation-based accounts to accept donations to assist displaced employees. Your generosity in this time of need can help to ensure that these committed and dedicated employees of state natural resources agencies get back on their feet. We need them back at full strength in order to effectively manage and protect the fish and wildlife resources we all hold so dear.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Any and all donations are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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